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Dr. Bowman's strong allegiance for equality in Native education is what drives her compassion to work collaboratively at removing barriers and improving the education experience. Her grandparents, mother, and aunts unknowingly served as change agents by supporting active thoughts, ideas, and/or dreams which in turn motivated her passion to serve others in the capacity of, cultivating academic and career mindsets for a sustainable future from Pre-K through Higher Education.

As our ancestors taught us so that we would teach the future; Dr. Bowman is committed to service in leadership that encompasses respecting elders and veterans. As such, employing this guidance to build self-awareness within our youth so they can be the future we want to see in the world.

She is a citizen of Stockbridge-Munsee Community with 29 plus years of tribal work experience including being the Director of Education and Career Services for the past fourteen years. In addition, she is currently serving a second term on the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Board of Directors while also serving on the Wisconsin Indian Education Association representing the Central Region, the Wisconsin Tribal Education Directors Association, and Governor's appointment as a Public Member of the Wisconsin Women's Council (WWC).

In March of 2020, Dr. Bowman was featured by Madison 365 as one of Wisconsin's 38 Most Influential Native Americans in a five-part series. Her past leadership positions cover being the 2018 (NIEA) President and the 2015-2017 and 2019-2020 Stockbridge-Munsee Vice-President. Dr. Bowman believes that as a collective voice we can build, support, and believe in the dreams of others to encourage success for a better world.